



Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously presented) A blow molded plastic container that includes a body and a finish extending from said body,

said finish including an open upper end, at least one external thread beneath said upper end, an external bead beneath said at least one thread for cooperating with tamper-indicating means on a closure secured to said finish, and a pair of upper and lower spaced circumferential flanges beneath said bead; and

a bale handle captured on said finish beneath said lower flange.

2. (Currently amended) A blow molded plastic container that includes a body and a finish extending from said body,

said finish including an open upper end, at least one external thread beneath said upper end, an external bead beneath said at least one thread for cooperating with tamper-indicating means on a closure secured to said finish, and a pair of spaced circumferential flanges beneath said bead, wherein said spaced circumferential flanges include an upper flange and a lower flange, each flange having an undersurface, and said upper flange having a greater external diameter than said lower flange.

3. (Currently amended) The container set forth in claim 2 further including a bale handle captured on said finish beneath said undersurface of the lower flange.

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5. (Currently amended) ~~The container set forth in claim 4~~ A container that includes:
a hollow body having a finish extending from said body,

said finish having an open end, at least one external thread for securement of a closure, and a pair of spaced external circumferential flanges on a side of said at least one thread remote from said open end, and

a bale handle that includes a ring having resilient internal tabs captured beneath the lower of said flanges remote from said open end, and a handle extending from said ring for carrying the container,

the upper of said flanges having an undersurface that is free of obstruction from said bale handle, and

wherein said upper flange has a greater outside diameter than said lower flange.

6. (Previously presented) A one-gallon rectangular hot-fill container that includes:
a rectangular body having a front wall, a back wall and opposed sidewalls, a bottom wall with a central push-up feature, an externally threaded finish and a shoulder connecting said finish to said body, said body including said shoulder having a one-gallon fill capacity,

said sidewalls having recessed handle areas adjacent to said back wall and a pair of axially spaced flexible hot-fill panels on each sidewall adjacent to said front wall,

said back wall having strengthening channels that extend between said handle areas,

said front wall having strengthening channels that extend between and into said sidewalls,

said body having a pair of spaced channels that extend entirely around said body between said sidewalls, front wall and back wall, and said bottom wall and said shoulder respectively,

one of said channels on said front wall extending into said sidewalls between said pair of hot-fill panels.

7. (Original) The container set forth in claim 6 wherein said finish has an open end, at least one external thread beneath said open end, an external bead beneath said at least one thread for cooperating with tamper-indicating means on a closure secured to said finish, and a pair of spaced circumferential flanges beneath said bead.

8. (Original) The container set forth in claim 7 wherein said spaced circumferential flanges include an upper flange and a lower flange, said upper flange having a greater external diameter than said lower flange.
9. (Original) The container set forth in claim 8 further including a bale handle captured on said finish beneath said lower flange.
10. (Original) The container set forth in claim 6 wherein said bottom wall has feet at each of its corners, and wherein each foot has a strengthening channel at the associated corner of said bottom wall.
11. (Previously presented) The container set forth in claim 1 having a capacity of at least one gallon.
12. (Previously presented) The container set forth in claim 1 being a hot-fillable container.
13. (Previously presented) The container set forth in claim 1 wherein the bale handle includes a ring having resilient internal tabs captured beneath the lower flange, and a handle extending from the ring for carrying the container.
14. (Previously presented) The container set forth in claim 1 wherein the upper flange has a greater external diameter than the lower flange.
15. (Currently amended) The container set forth in claim ~~[[4]]~~ 1 wherein the bale handle includes a ring having resilient internal tabs captured beneath the lower flange, and a handle extending from the ring for carrying the container.